

1 SENATE BILL 248

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING THE DIVISIONS OF THE  
12 HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 Section 1. Section 9-25-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,  
16 Chapter 289, Section 4) is amended to read:

17 "9-25-4. DEPARTMENT CREATED.--

18 A. The "higher education department" is created in  
19 the executive branch. The department is a cabinet department  
20 [~~The secretary shall organize the department so that bureaus~~  
21 ~~and divisions exist to focus on the needs of and for the~~  
22 ~~diverse categories of post-secondary institutions, including~~  
23 ~~two-year institutions, four-year institutions, research~~  
24 ~~institutions and institutions with academic medical centers.~~  
25 ~~The secretary shall make recommendations to the second session~~

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1 ~~of the forty-seventh legislature on the statutory organization~~  
2 ~~of the department]~~ and includes the following divisions:

- 3 (1) the administrative services division;
- 4 (2) the planning and research division;
- 5 (3) the financial aid division;
- 6 (4) the public information and communications  
7 division;
- 8 (5) the adult basic education division;
- 9 (6) the information technology division;
- 10 (7) the private and proprietary schools  
11 division; and
- 12 (8) the public schools liaison division.

13 B. The secretary may organize the department and  
14 divisions of the department and may transfer or merge functions  
15 between divisions and bureaus in the interest of efficiency and  
16 economy."